**Hanover Township Crime Watch**

Meeting Minutes

2015 Meeting # 1

DATE: January 6, 2015

Attendance: 10 residents

Joan Rosenthal and Mark Iampietro presided. Officer Mike Kovach (CRPD) also in attendance.

Joan explained that Judge Narlesky was scheduled to address us but his work schedule prevented his attendance. The judge last addressed us in 2009. We will attempt to reschedule, maybe in March. We are also looking into having a session involving the CRPD K-9 officer and dogs. Another idea is to invite DA John Morganelli. Joan asked others to feel free to provide ideas for future meetings.

Mark and C.W. Price each addressed how we can better spread the word about crime watch to the community. C.W. suggests doing a better job with a website and suggested we look at Lower Nazareth’s as a model. All agreed that to be successful a website must be updated regularly. Mark updated on the Face Book idea that was brought forth in November. According to Mark, the page is up and running and that he updates with information and pictures. We also discussed the role the township newsletter could play in all of this.

Officer Kovach distributed crime data reports and everyone examined them. Basically, the crimes were minor and consisted mainly of *public drunkenness, retail theft, criminal mischief and other various suspicious activities.*

The officer also informed us about a program designed to help needy families. Shop With A Cop is a one-on-one experience designed to have uniformed officers spend a day with underprivileged children while socializing, shopping, and providing guidance during the holiday season. The children will shop for their family as well as a children’s organization from the community where the police officer serves. This unique shopping experience for the children is an opportunity that deters them for choosing a life of crime or violence. The participating children are identified by schools, youth organizations, and social services agencies. Chick-Fil-A and Walmart are two corporate sponsors.

The next meeting will take place in March (3rd.)

Meeting adjourned.

Mark Iampietro